

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 0036**

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A \$3,000,000 INSTALLMENT SALES
AGREEMENT (ISA) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE
AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT LOAN PROGRAM (ADMLP) TO THE SAN
BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT) FOR AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT)

WHEREAS:

1. The Project is eligible for funding under the Safe, Clean Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996;
2. The District will reduce agricultural drainage discharges to waters of the State through the Project by purchasing high efficiency irrigation equipment and leasing that equipment to growers converting furrow, gated, portable sprinklers, and surface irrigation to micro sprinkler and drip irrigation;
3. The Project will help meet water quality objectives for sediment and other constituents of concern in the Pajaro River and will help meet sediment and nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Pajaro River by reducing agricultural drainage discharge, as well as contributing to conservation efforts that help the Pajaro River Watershed;
4. The Project will help the District to achieve compliance with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board's Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands;
5. The District has filed a Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2006028287), which has been reviewed and considered, and State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff has determined that the project qualifies for Class 1 and 4 categorical exemptions from CEQA requirements; and
6. The District has demonstrated that an adequate opportunity for public participation regarding the ISA has been provided.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes issuance of a \$3,000,000 ISA and amendments from the ADMLP to the District for the Project.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on June 7, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gerald D. Secundy
Arthur G. Baggett
Charlie Hoppin

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk of the Board